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photographers + copyright

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The support for Creative Commons licensing in photo management applications is just beginning, but one application in particular currently supports it. The windows package Snap Gallery helps you make simple HTML galleries from your photographs and prepares a gallery website for you, ready to upload. You can pick a license that will be applied to every page in your gallery automatically.

for more information on the Snap Gallery, see http://www.onfocus.com/snap

more information for photographers and illustrators

Looking for more information on copyright? The Australian Copyright Council has produced a series of fact sheets which are free to access online.

For copyright information specific to photographers, see Information sheet G11 - Photographers and Copyright. For copyright information specific for illustrators, Information sheet G75 - Graphic Designers & Copyright. See generally Information sheet G33 - Artworks & Copyright.

for more information on the Australian Copyright Council, see http://www.copyright.org.au

ACRA

Australia Creative Resources Archive (and its online presence ACRO – Australian Creative Resources Online) is an Australian Research Council (ARC) funded archive of video, music and other creative raw materials. The archive was built to help stimulate the production of new broadband content. The archived materials are licensed for use under Creative Commons licences.

for more information on ACRO, see http://www.uq.edu.au/acro

Pixagogo

Pixagogo a service by HyperTrust that offers original web-based services to leverage content when it’s stored on their servers. Pixagogo is an online gallery creator site which allows files to be uploaded directly onto the site. Pixagogo has teamed up with Creative Commons to provide an interface so users can select a Creative Commons licence telling the world how they can distribute or re-use your photos and albums.

for more information on Pixagogo, see http://www.pixagogo.com

Boy Avianto

Based in Jakarta, Indonesia, Boy Avianto’s regularly updated photolog features all sorts of shorts from daily life in Jakarta, including interesting views of the area, macro photos of plants and pets, all of which are under the terms of a Creative Commons licence.

for more information on Boy Avianto’s photolog, see http://photos.avianto.com

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